

PURPOSE The echoing green foundation offers fellowships to individuals to start new autonomous public service projects or organizations. The foundation applies a venture capital approach to philanthropy by providing seed money and technical assistance to emerging social change leaders. Echoing green invests in both the individual and the organization or project at an early stage, before most funders are willing to do so, and then provides them with the support to help them grow beyond start-up. The echoing green community currently includes over 300 Fellows working worldwide to address the needs of a wide range of communities.

THE FELLOWSHIP The fellowship includes a two-year \$60,000 stipend, health and dental insurance coverage, on-line connectivity, access to our network of social change makers, and technical assistance. The stipend can be used for any purpose related to the start-up of the organization or project. Partnerships of no more than two individuals may apply for two fellowships combined for a total two-year stipend of \$90,000. Both partners receive the benefits of being an echoing green Fellow.

In addition to receiving the fellowship stipend, Fellows become part of the echoing green community. The creation of a community of Fellows is an important component of the echoing green fellowship. Fellows are expected to contribute to the strengthening of the community and to receive support from their peers. They are required to attend both a New Fellows' Orientation and a New Fellows' Conference during the first year of their fellowship. Other conferences will be held periodically which Fellows will also be required to attend. Other responsibilities of Fellows include semi-annual reports to the foundation, submission of copies of all publications or products developed by Fellows, and up-to-date personal and project information for Echoing Green's database.

THE PROJECT/ORGANIZATION The proposed project or organization can be domestic or international. Support is offered to individuals working in all areas of public service including, but not limited to, the environment, arts, education, youth service, civil and human rights, and community and economic development.

Proposed projects must be autonomous and not an extension of an already existing organization.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS To be eligible for the fellowship, applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a Social Security number or United States Tax Identification number. If you do not have one, please contact our office for information about applying for a social security number or United States Tax Identification number. Applicants must make a full-time commitment to the development of the project or organization (minimum of 35 hours per week) and must commit to lead the project or organization for a minimum of two consecutive years. Partnerships of no more than two individuals may apply. Each partner must work a minimum of 35 hours per week on the development of the project or organization, and commit to leading the project or organization for a minimum of two consecutive years.

Projects or organizations must be the original idea of applicants. Projects or organizations must be independent and must not be the extension or expansion of another individual's or organization's mission or idea. Each project or organization must be in start-up phase.

Research projects or organizations and lobbying activities are not eligible. Prior recipients of Echoing Green funding may not apply.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES There are two stages of the application process.

STAGE I: CONCEPT PAPER

Applicants must prepare a concept paper and a preliminary budget with a budget narrative. The concept paper, including the budget and budget narrative, must not exceed five pages, typed and double-spaced in 11pt. type size with 1" margins. The concept paper should:

- Provide a clear description of the need for the project, the population to be served, and the geographic location of the project or organization
- Demonstrate the innovative aspects of the project or organization
- Describe what activities will occur through the project or organization
- Describe the impact that the project or organization will have, how it will be measured and what measurement tools will be used from the beginning of the project (i.e., data collection, summary statements, interviews, etc.)
- Describe the applicant's experience with the community in which the project or organization is to be located, with the constituency to be served, and experience providing the proposed service

If applying as a partnership, both partners should provide information about their experience with the community in which the project or organization is to be located, with the constituency to be served, and experience providing the proposed service. The concept paper page limit for partnerships is six pages. The additional page allowed should only be used to demonstrate the second applicant's experience. Partners should submit two copies of the Concept Paper Information Sheet (one for each partner).

STAGE II: APPLICATION

Projects or organizations that meet all eligibility requirements will be invited to complete full applications. A Reading Committee which includes echoing green staff, Fellows, board members, and other leaders in various fields of public service will review full applications. Applicants selected by the Reading Committee will be invited for in-person interviews. The number of submissions does not permit the foundation to critique applications that are not selected for the fellowship.

HOW TO APPLY Please direct all inquiries to:
Search and Selection
echoing green
198 Madison Avenue, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10016

E-mailed and/or faxed concept papers and applications will not be accepted. Concept papers and/or applications that do not adhere to the format outlined above will not be accepted. Do not send supplemental materials; they will not be reviewed. All materials requested must be submitted together. echoing green will not accept concept papers and/or applications with missing elements. The foundation reserves the right to make the ultimate selection of Fellows. All decisions are final.

For more information about the fellowship and echoing green Fellows, please visit our website at www.echoinggreen.org.

TIMELINE

- November 1, 1999, 5:00 p.m. EST
Deadline for receipt of concept paper and completed Concept Paper Information Sheet
- December 1, 1999
Invitations to submit full applications will be sent to those selected based on concept papers
- February 1, 2000, 5:00 p.m. EST
Deadline for receipt of full applications
- March 24, 2000
Invitations for in-person interviews to fellowship finalists
- April 10-14, 2000
Finalist interviews
- May 1, 2000
Fellows notified
- September 1, 2000
Start of fellowship period

CONCEPT PAPER CHECKLIST

- ☐ I have completed every item on the Concept Paper Information Sheet.
- ☐ I have provided a clear description of the need for the project or organization, the population to be served, and the geographic location of the project or organization.
- ☐ I have demonstrated the ways in which the project or organization is innovative.
- ☐ I have described the activities that the project or organization will perform.
- ☐ I have described the impact that the project or organization will have and how it will be measured from the beginning.
- ☐ I have described my experience with the community in which the project or organization is to be located, with the constituency to be served, and experience providing the proposed service.
- ☐ I have included a preliminary budget with a budget narrative.
- ☐ I have sent these materials to arrive at the echoing green office by 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, November 1, 1999.
- ☐ I am 18 years of age or older.
- ☐ I have included my Social Security number or U.S. Tax Identification number.
- ☐ I am prepared to commit a minimum of 35 hours per week to the development of the proposed project or organization.
- ☐ I am prepared to commit to the development of the project for a minimum of two consecutive years.
- ☐ I have put forth an idea for a project or organization that is my original idea.
- ☐ The project I have proposed is an independent and autonomous project.
- ☐ The project or organization that I have proposed is in start-up phase.
- ☐ I am not proposing the expansion of a currently existing project or organization.
- ☐ I am not proposing a research project or organization.
- ☐ I am not proposing lobbying activities.
- ☐ I am not a prior recipient of echoing green funding.

I certify that I have answered the above questions truthfully. I understand that if I have misrepresented myself or my proposed project or organization, the echoing green foundation may consider me ineligible for the public service fellowship.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Project/organization title: _____

Address: _____

Day phone: _____ fax: _____

Evening phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Social Security or United States Tax Identification Number: _____

Brief summary of the project:

Have you applied to echoing green before?

If yes,when?

Where will your project or organization be based?

City	State	Country
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Where are the communities or constituencies that your project or organization will serve?

City _____ State _____ Country _____

How did you hear about the echoing green fellowship? Please be as specific as possible.

<input type="checkbox"/> Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> Job Training,Creation and Conditions
<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Advocacy/Litigation
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Empowerment	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Spirituality
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Skills Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness	<input type="checkbox"/> Violence Prevention
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Child Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____